

November 13th Norwich, Witard Road

We thank God for the new initiatives taking place at Witard Road, for the setting up of several Focus Groups with the aim of reaching out to those particularly in the Eastern area of Norwich but also beyond.

We are looking forward to becoming a Distribution Centre for Norwich Foodbank in November. We pray that this will be a success and that it will give us great opportunities to be of comfort to those in need in these challenging days.

We give thanks for the number of children who attended the Holiday Club at Witard Road. We were very blessed to have their family members join us in Sunday worship at the end of that week. We pray that we are able to maintain our contact with the children and their families.

We are in our third and final phase of developing our premises at Witard Road. Please join us in praying that the finances will be released to complete this work as soon as possible.

November 20th Ormesby Light of Life

This is an exciting period for Light of Life Baptist Church with many things to give God thanks for as we progress our recently formulated Vision:

- A successful Holiday Club with an average of 20 children attending over the three days
- Many guests present at our Big Welcome Café Church held in the school next door
- Two new housegroups begun

- Our monthly Café Church needs more space so we are now holding it in the Village Centre
 - Now two groups for teenagers. These run alternately so that they meet each week either during the service or on an evening
 - A Sewing Group has begun as an outreach activity
 - In the new year, Matt Gooch will become our part-time paid Church Leader, supported by the Leadership Team and all the Partners
- We were encouraged to see our Drop In and Luncheon Club featured on Anglia Television recently. Please pray for all of us as we move into this new era.

November 27th Sheringham

We have a lot to praise God for at present, with young people being baptised as well as older, new members joining the church and a growing desire to move on with God in our new build project, to link up more with our community. We have completed the Rick Warren course 40 days of purpose and are now on Freedom in Christ course with Steve Goss, doing this in homegroups together as church.

Our Plans for a new church are with the planners and we are planning to sell the existing church site and one other property to raise funds for the one million plus cost to build our church on our new site

Since the arrival of our minister some 18 months ago Bryan Pickard has driven us on under God and we ask your prayers for completion of the above and God's total guidance as we move forward in Him.

December 4th Stalham

We praise the Lord for his love and support, at all times, as we seek to follow His will in making Him known in our community.

It has been our aim now for many years to be involved in community activities (particularly in bringing folk into our buildings to see something of church life as it is today!) the Community Gym meets in our rooms, as does an over 60's Table Tennis club. The Haven Trust which runs a community cafe further up the High Street, also operating as a youth drop in centre some evenings, hold an activity night on Wednesdays in our rooms utilising the space available there. (The Trustees are all church members).

We continue to nurture old, and make new, contacts through Coffee & Chat every Tuesday morning, the weekly Lunch Club for single pensioners, and the Marvellous Mondays kids club.

We operate a crèche and Sunday School each Sunday and since May have been holding Cafe Church alongside the standard (if you dare simply call it that) service once a month.

We have a Careforce volunteer, Chad, from Kenya, (with us from mid January until early December), involved in all outreach activities, especially among the young people, this year too.

In summary we give thanks for God's guidance and blessing in all things. Please pray with us as we thank Him, and seek His strength and support, as we seek to reflect the image of Jesus as we live our lives for Him in our community from day to day.

December 11th

Swaffham

We have been much blessed over these past months, with two new babies being born to our young families and membership additions, but sadness also as some of our Fellowship have been called Home - we give thanks for their witness and faithfulness over the years. Your prayers are asked as we seek to upgrade the heating in our Church, but as a Grade II Listed Building we are, at present, awaiting permission from the BU Listed Building Committee! A period of ministry by Revd. Guy Yeoman and his family, over from Australia for three months, is now closing and we continue to explore calling a Minister, in some capacity. In the words of the hymn we believe that "it is surprising what the LORD can do" - watch this space.

December 18th Thetford, King Street

For the past year we have been seeking new ways to reach out to the people who live and work in our town and pass by our church. We have opened the building to invite people in for a soup & bread lunch once a quarter, held a barbecue in the forecourt and once a month host a Kidz Klub run by Christians from a number of different churches in Thetford. We also plan a 'Get in the picture' session at Christmas which proved very popular last year.

We would ask you to pray with us that God will touch the hearts of people we have made contact with and give them a hunger and thirst to know the love of God, particularly as Christmas approaches and we seek to reach out to the community in other ways. We would also ask you to pray with us for God to pour out His Spirit in and through the church and guide us in His plans for the coming year.

December 25th

Christmas

Let us take time to pray blessings upon one another across the Area as we celebrate the birth of the Saviour of the World.

This week also let's take some time to pray for the Regional Ministers who serve us so faithfully – and especially at this time for Richard Lewis as he returns from his Australian sabbatical.

January 1st

Thetford, Fulmerston

We continue to praise God for His miraculous financial provision for our Family and Community Project and its full time manager. We are developing the drop-in work at Church through this with a redesign to the front of the building and some new groups; notably a community café, healthy living, computer and estate inter-generational projects. The Toddler Group and Pre-School continue to flourish and our community work with residents is also going well.

The Church leadership are seeking to be more effective in our witness to the local community of which we are a key part. We are also reviewing Sundays and whether they are achieving what we hope.

We are very thankful that the recent Welcome Sunday brought in two new faces and a family joined us for lunch and we see our monthly shared lunches as an increasingly important element of our outreach work here.

We really appreciate your prayers and are happy to welcome anyone who might want to come to see what we are doing. God bless....



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November 6th Norwich, Silver Road

We have a membership of 18 – mainly older people – no younger families, children or young people. We are concerned to reach out to the large population in the area around the church building. Please pray for the activities in which we seek to do that – the Evergreens weekly lunch club, Table Tennis evening and the monthly 'Young at Heart'. Pray especially for the new once a week 'Coffee Stop' starting in November. This will be a weekly drop-in coffee morning with children's clothing exchange. We hope that this new venture will help us to connect with younger families in the area. Please pray for our new part-time pastor, Ian Charles, who began in July this year.

